

pleased. When I learned that my opinion, or rather, the opinion of the court of which I am a part, had been affirmed it was very pleasing to me, and I have no doubt, I will be to my associates. My opinion speaks for itself.

## CABINET PLEASSED WITH MERGER DECISION

The Cabinet meeting today resolved itself into a jollification over the merger decision in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Attorney General Knox received the personal congratulations of every member of the Cabinet upon the decision. The meeting was barren of matters of general interest, only routine departmental affairs being considered.

## CONSIDERS THE DECISION OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE

OMAHA, Neb., March 15.—Freight Traffic Manager Huron, of the Union Pacific, looks upon the decision as one of the utmost importance, so far as he could see. However, it would not apply to relations between the Union Pacific and any of its connections.

## —VIEW SOF LOCAL BANKERS ON MERGER

Charles J. Bell, president of the American Security and Trust Company, said: "There is not much to say about the decision. Its character and its effect were discounted in Wall Street. So I do not believe it will influence the market, either one way or the other. I look for a stagnant season in stock speculation until after the election."

E. Southern, president of the Metropolitan National Bank, said: "No body has been hurt. The market has been all along and will probably continue so, decision or no decision."

A. K. Harris, of Crane & Parrish: "The big bubble is out the way. The people who own the properties will doubtless know how to care for them. They are still earning, and will continue to earn as long as their tracks run over the continent. As everybody knows, there has been a little or no speculative business for months back, the public with more buying ability, and the man without it, but with inclination, taking out of the market the ticker and twisting his thumbs. It is fair to say that from now on the market conditions yesterday the today or rather positive than the hindering down of this decision will at least not retard a little the hope of activity."

William A. Meers, of Lewis Johnson & Co., bankers, said: "The Northern Securities Company was never more than a hasty and involuntary incorporation, conceived amid the confusion of the day panic, and in the time of a general natural consequence of Mr. Harriman's newly purchased control of the Northern Pacific. The company has been refused a patent because a fundamental law had been violated. The financial world is by the way, by the way, the calm view of Justice Brewer, and takes comfort in the fact that the merger and not individual ownership, constituted the offense."

W. B. Hibbs, of W. B. Hibbs & Co.: "I feel that the decision has been discounted as far as trading from Washington is concerned. It had been almost the universal opinion that the decision was against the roads, and the general liquidation and short selling on this account prior to the day the decision was read left no one to sell when they realized what the decision meant. As the market is very narrow, at least, the buying to cover these short sales has given an improvement of 10 to 20 per cent, instead of the expected decline of from 3 to 5. The market is a professional market, and I regret to say, likely to remain so, at least until after the nominating conventions. I look for no further liquidation, except from speculators. Stocks are low enough to attract investors, or at least, prevent them selling them, and general business conditions throughout the country are such as to justify the opinion that stocks bought at present prices will realize handsome profits to those who can afford to hold them over the Presidential election."

Benjamin Woodruff, local manager for Post & Flagg of New York: "The action of the stock market since the Northern Securities decision was handed down has been somewhat of a surprise to the street, in that it has accumulated strength and activity quite beyond the general expectation. Sentiment as to its future course now seems to hinge principally on what action will be taken by the company for the future management of the company, and, awaiting announcement, we expect nothing more than a 'traders' market, confined to rather narrow limits. It is believed that the stock market has about discounted the real effects of this decision, and any reason for settlement in the future of the two roads is a question which will bring about a more active and advancing market."

The significant features of the merger decision, as well as Justice Brewer's dissent, will be found on page 5.

## ARCHITECTS OF AMERICA WOULD PRESERVE MALL

Interest of architects in the preservation of public buildings with a vista from the Capitol to the Monument is indicated in a petition presented in the Senate by Mr. Gallinger, and referred to the Appropriations Committee.

The petition is from W. S. Eames, president of the American Institute of Architects and Glenn Brown, secretary. This organization has twenty-seven branch associations in various States, and is one of the chief forces back of the Burnham-McKim park commission plan.

## PROTESTS AGAINST PAY FOR REGULAR CHAPLAINS

A protest against the appropriation of any money for chaplains in the service of the United States has been made to the Senate by James Seldon Cowdon, of 521 Tenth Street northwest. The petition has been laid before the Senate by President pro tem. Frye, and referred to the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Cowdon "protests against the appropriation of any public money for any religious purpose whatsoever, and especially against the pay for chaplains. He inclosed a circular of the Washington Secular League, calling for the complete separation of church and state."

## JOHN HENRY WILSON'S FUNERAL TOMORROW

The funeral of John Henry Wilson, former collector of the port of Georgetown, will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Dumbarton Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he had been a lifelong member. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Frank H. Haverman, the pastor, and the Rev. William H. Chapman, former pastor. Interment will be at Oak Hill.

## Russian Port Arthur Fleet Eludes Its Waiting Enemy

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Gilchrist, escaped. It is recalled that the Russian fleet was lately reported to be repairing the Retvizan.

Among the statements cable by the "Mail's" Nuchwang correspondent are these: The Russians have pushed re-enforcements north from Harbin and Liaoyang. It has now been decided that there are enough troops at Port Arthur, Dalian and Kinkow Bay and along the railway to Tashichiao to hold their own, but fear of a lack of provisions prevents more from being sent south.

## CHINA PLEDGES NEUTRALITY IN RUSSO-JAPANESE CONFLICT

China has made a formal pledge to the United States that it will remain neutral in the present war between Russia and Japan. This pledge is in addition to the agreement of China to the Hay-Paomao, in which the leading nations of the world are guaranteed the neutrality of China.

Announcement was made at the State Department this morning of the individual pledge which China has given to the United States.

## JAPANESE SPIES SWARM THROUGHOUT RUSSIA

BERLIN, March 15.—The "Koenigsche Zeitung" reports that Japan has organized a most complete system of espionage throughout Russia. Japanese spies are swarming in various disguises, the thorough, St. Petersburg, Moscow, and Odessa and along the trans-Siberian road.

Twenty-five hundred patriotic Japanese have volunteered to perform this dangerous service. The demand of a military train which has occurred on the road between Achinsk and Irkutsk, says the paper, is attributed to these Japanese emissaries.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

Organization Hears Reports of Officers and Hears Addresses in Assembly's Presbyterian Church.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was celebrated today in the Assembly's Presbyterian Church, Fifth and I Streets northwest.

Two meetings of the society were held. The first convened at 10 o'clock this morning, when the business of the society was disposed of. Reports of the work done in the various departments were read by Mrs. J. A. Travis, treasurer; Mrs. Isaac Pearson, literature secretary; Jennie Taylor, young people's secretary; and Mrs. D. Scoville, president of Little Light Bearers. A summary of the work during the year was submitted by the recording secretary, Mrs. C. F. Johnson.

After the reading of reports, greetings to the Washington society were read by Mrs. E. J. Wiley, from the synod of Baltimore; Mrs. J. R. Campbell, from the presbytery of Baltimore; Mrs. Taylor, from the presbytery of New Castle, and from missionaries in the field. The principal address of the morning meeting was made by Mrs. C. N. Thorpe.

Luncheon was served at 1 o'clock in the Sunday school room of the church. The church society met in the afternoon at 2 o'clock, for further exercises. These included an address on "Japan" by Gertrude Higelow, and a song service. Officers for the year will be elected this afternoon. There will be no evening session.

## RULES FOR APPRAISEMENT SEVERELY CRITICISED

Said to Be Involving Business of Board in Hopeless Tangle.

Secretary Shaw's new rules for the government of the Board of United States General Appraisers are being severely criticised as impracticable by customs lawyers and importers in New York.

It is objected that the rules are not practicable and that they are involving the business of the board in a hopeless tangle. Two rules in particular are opposed, those requiring the calling of the calendar once a month and the calling of the calendar of suspended cases quarterly. It is said the monthly call has caused endless confusion owing to the multiplication of cases coming before the board. These 700 to 800 cases were set down for trial March 23, and most of them are being handled by one firm.

The first call of the suspended cases will be April 1, and there are about 60,000 of them. Trouble also comes from the rule requiring that a sample of the goods must be furnished with every suspended protest.

## DIED.

GRIFPIN.—Suddenly, in New York city, on Tuesday, March 15, 1904, MAGGIE MITCHELL GRIFPIN, wife of Francis Hoyt Griffin, and daughter of Senator John H. Mitchell of Oregon. Funeral services at St. Paul's Church, Washington, D. C., Friday, March 18, at 10 o'clock. Interment in Rock Creek Cemetery. mh15-21

HORN.—On Monday, March 14, 1904, at 4 a. m., TIMOTHY HORN, aged 33, beloved son of Richard and Julie Horn.

Funeral from his parents' residence, 1610 A. S. E., Wednesday, March 15, thence to St. Peter's Church, where requiem mass will be said for the repose of his soul at 9 o'clock. Friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery. mh15-21

THE DEATH RECORD.

Allan, George, 55, 124 6th St. N. E. E. Chavis, Sarah E., 61, Washington Asylum Hosp. Croft, Orland M., 65, 612 1st St. N. W. Currie, Mildred E., 2, 1223 8th St. N. W. Fier, Calvin L., 69, 1533 W St. N. W. Harker, Wm. H., 58, 1217 Columbia Road. Hite, Esther May, 1, 222 10th St. N. E. Jeffries, Allen, 21, Freedman's Hospital. Jones, Leroy, 1, 314 Harris Court. Miller, Mary, 42, 409 15th St. S. E. Lake, Harvey E., 31, 1709 9th St. N. W. Leslie, Susan A., 55, 2705 7th St. S. W. Little, Phyllis E., 45, 1466 Huntington Place. Moore, Silas Hance, 57, 209 6th St. N. E. Sweets, Rebecca, 56, 215 1st St. N. W. Trough, Philip, 4, 426 1st St. N. E. Thumler, Viola E., 35, 911 Fla. Ave. N. W. Tower, Elizabeth B., 51, 3042 U St. Weaver, Mary Teresa, 32, 328 12th St. N. E. Volney, James L., 62, 710 7th St. N. E.

J. WILLIAM LEE, UNDERTAKER AND LIVERY, 222 Penn. Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C.

The want of meat is already felt.

Agents at Nuchwang are trying to buy live stock. Through the Russo-Chinese Bank closing its branches at Port Arthur and Nuchwang great hardship has been inflicted on the American and British depositors, who are being ordered out of Russian territory. Nobor is now able to cash checks except in paper roubles or drafts on other branches of the bank.

The bank's paper is now at 10 per cent discount at Nuchwang and 5 per cent at Tientsin. The bank is unable to buy Mexican dollars, which are current elsewhere, and is in a serious position. Roubles are absolutely refused by other foreign banks.

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Struggle for Honest Vote in Kansas City.

BATTLE OF BUSINESS MEN

Reward Offered for Arrest and Conviction of Persons Guilty of Wrongful Registration.

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## ASKS COURT TO REVOKE ADMINISTRATION PAPERS

Annie Diggs Says Lewis Is Not the Rightful Heir.

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Wharton E. Lester is named as counsel for the petitioner.

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## ADMIRAL O'NEIL ON RETIRED LIST

Reaches Age Limit and Steps Out of Service.

WILL SOON GO TO ENGLAND

To Study Methods Employed in Manufacture of Armor Plate—Career of "Old Sea Dog."

Rear Admiral Charles O'Neill retired from active service at noon today and was succeeded as chief of the Bureau of Ordnance by Rear Admiral George A. Converse. Admiral O'Neill will leave for Europe in a few days, where he will make a thorough investigation of the methods employed in the manufacture of armor plate. He has been commissioned by Secretary Moody to make this investigation.

Admiral O'Neill was born in England in 1821 and was retired for age. He is a native of England, but was taken to Massachusetts when he was only five years old. He sailed from Boston on a merchant sailor when seventeen years old and was wrecked and rescued and taken to Reunion Island, where he served as clerk to the United States consul for a few months.

Volunteered in 1841.

He entered the navy in 1841 as master's mate on the Cumberland, and took part in the engagements at Fort Clark, Hatteras Inlet, and Fort Hatteras, as well as the engagement with the Confederate Merrimac off Newport News when the Cumberland went down with 120 men on board, but with colors flying. For his conduct in that affair he was promoted to acting master and served for two years on the Troia, during which time that vessel captured ten prizes.

At the age of twenty-three he was made acting volunteer lieutenant. He entered the regular navy in 1863, and in December of that year was promoted to lieutenant commander. While stationed in the West Indies he decided to make a special study of ordnance. From 1870 until 1882 he was on ordnance duty at the Boston navy yard, with Captain Seward as his superior officer. He then went to the New York yard and was promoted to a command.

Commanded Marblehead.

From 1882 until 1896 Admiral O'Neill commanded the Marblehead. He gave efficient aid to Americans in Armenia during the massacres there, and played an important part in the transfer of the Mosquito Reservation to Nicaragua. He was superintendent of the naval gun factory in the city from 1896 until March 31, 1897, when he gave up that position to take charge of the Bureau of Ordnance. In the same year he was made captain.

During the war with Spain Admiral O'Neill performed the unusual task imposed on his bureau with great efficiency. Three weeks after the destruction of the Maine \$3,000,000 was placed at his disposal. In a remarkably short time he had the ordnance and ammunition ready for hostilities.

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